

24 December 1968
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Case 32254 -- Fred Z. Launags

1. On 23 December 1968 subject called the Portland Resident Agency from the YMCA where he is currently staying. He informed us that he had so far been unsuccessful in obtaining employment and that he was completely out of funds. He indicated that he was desperate and if he had no money would probably have to go to the local police. We at first told him that we had no money for him and that we could offer no assistance to him.

2. Later that day Launags was contacted and told that we had managed to borrow \$10 for him but that was the total extent of our assistance from now on. An arrangement was made to see subject at 10 am the following day at the YMCA.

3. On 24 December 1968 Launags was met in the lobby of the YMCA. He first said that the \$5 which had been sent to him in care of general delivery, Centralia, Washington had been forwarded to him at the YMCA per our suggestion. He was then given \$10 additional and told that since this amount came from our personal funds and that we were low due to Christmas and payday being several days away we could no longer help him financially -- now or at any future time.

4. Launags again said that he had been unsuccessful in obtaining employment in the Portland area and that he possibly might go south again, probably to California. When asked as to employment in the past year in California, subject said that he had had three jobs: One at Oakland Airport, one at Bullock's in Los Angeles and the third at a prominent club in San Francisco. When asked why he had left the above employment Launags remarked that they did not care for his innovations.

5. We hope that the above advances will help tide subject through the Christmas season and will enable him to stay out of jail at least until he finds work. We do not expect to advance any further funds to him and it is believed that he so understands our current position.

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6. In his final remarks Launage said that it appeared that his relocation on the West Coast had not worked out too well and that now he was sorry he had left the East. He appeared rational and calm during our conversation.

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